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From: Lisa Rector [lrector@nescaum.org]
Sent: 10/3/2019 1:20:53 PM
To: Sanchez, Rafael [Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov]
CC: Scinta, Robert [scinta.robert@epa.gov]; Battle, Jernell [Battle.Jernell@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Rafael, I did receive data for my request EPA-HQ-2019-008304. However I submitted two requests. I have not received any data on the 60-day tests FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008306, and per the FOIA online database the request is still processing:

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From: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Battle, Jernell <Battle.Jernell@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hi Lisa,

According to our records, your FOIA request was fulfilled on September 12, 2019. If you need assistance locating the responsive records, please contact the FOIAonline support line.

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The Excel MS EPA Certified Wood Heater List has been retired. The Agency has now developed a new fully searchable [EPA Certified Wood Heater Database](https://www.epa.gov/compliance/epa-certified-wood-heater-database) or <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/epa-certified-wood-heater-database>. Please try it and let us know!

From: Sanchez, Rafael
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Battle, Jernell <Battle.Jernell@epa.gov>
Cc: lisa rector <lrector@nescaum.org>; Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: FOIA EPA-HQ-2019-008304 Status.

Hi Jernell,

Ms. Rector is inquiring about the status of EPA-HQ-2019-008304, which was due on September 19, 2019. Please see below email. All responsive documents were submitted to your office on September 12, 2019. Can you help her out?

Thank you.

From: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Johnson, Steffan <johnson.steffan@epa.gov>; Yellin, Patrick <Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: wood heater database

Rafael, yes you are missing the point. These are all cordwood boilers, and the database indicates they were tested with cordwood, however, many of these units were tested with cribs. Why doesn't the central heating database delineate between those units tested with crib versus cordwood as the stove database does?

Also, can you please provide a status update on my FOIA submission, detailed below. Per the dashboard, a response was expected by September 19, 2019, almost two weeks ago. Can you please advise as to when I might expect a response to this FOIA.

From: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Johnson, Steffan <johnson.steffan@epa.gov>; Yellin, Patrick <Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

Your list is missing several central heaters. The listing you have provided only shows 59 heaters. Our records show that we have 110 CHs. The ones that you have provided are all teste fueled using cord wood. The ones that you are not listing are tested fueled using multiple fuels, i.e., wood pellets and crib wood.

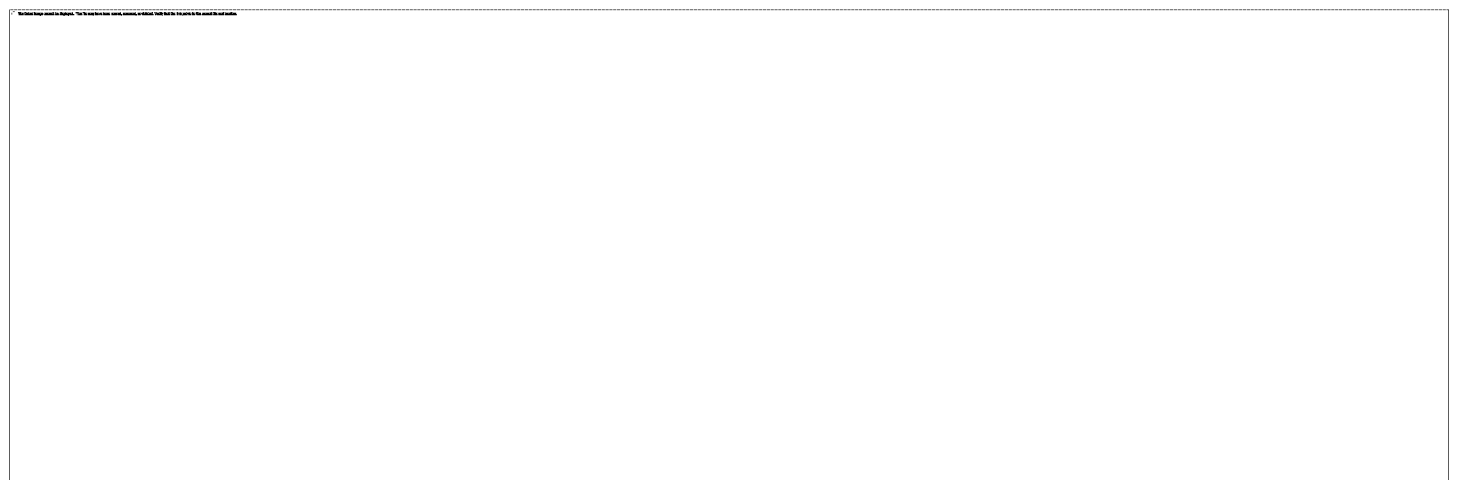
Am I missing something?

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From: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Johnson, Steffan <johnson.steffan@epa.gov>; Yellin, Patrick <Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: wood heater database

Rafael, here is the search that I submitted on the central heating database today. Attached is the excel spreadsheet from that search, and indicates that almost every central heater was tested with cordwood, which I believe is incorrect.



From: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 3:48 PM
To: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>

Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Johnson, Steffan <johnson.steffan@epa.gov>; Yellin, Patrick <Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

I wanted to follow up on my 8/30/19 email regarding your WHDB inquiry. As my email indicated, when I do a HH query for all HHs, the system pulls all of them, and they show various fuels, i.e., crib, pellet, cordwood. If I can replicate your problem, it would help us pinpoint the issue. You can either call or reply to this email with a detailed description of the steps taken. Thank you.

Rafael Sanchez

From: Sanchez, Rafael

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 1:26 PM

To: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>

Cc: Scinta, Robert <scinta.robert@epa.gov>; Johnson, Steffan <johnson.steffan@epa.gov>; Yellin, Patrick <Yellin.Patrick@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: wood heater database

Hi Lisa,

Thank you for your 8/29/19 email regarding HHs and certification fuel used. I searched all HHs, and the DB pulled a mix of cord wood, crib wood, and wood pellets. I am not clear why you are retrieving all cord wood for all HHs (except Greentech). For your convenience, I have attached the export excel file. To ensure the WHDB accuracy, we will look into this matter and correct any data accordingly. If you have any question, please let me know.

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From: Lisa Rector <lrector@nescaum.org>
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To: Sanchez, Rafael <Sanchez.Rafael@epa.gov>
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Subject: wood heater database

Rafael, I was trying to determine how many hydronic heaters certified with via cordwood testing. I used the database, filtering by certified fuel type and found the database identified all hydronic heaters, except the Greentech, as using cordwood for testing. However, based on the test reports I have for almost all the hydronic heaters on the list, the reports indicate the unit were tested with cribs, not cordwood. I don't have any 30-day notice paperwork showing that the units were retested with cordwood. Can you please advise if the database is incorrect or are there new test reports that used cordwood? Thanks!



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